

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A swing door to be rotatably mounted to a cassette inlet of a magnetic recording-and-reproducing device comprising:

a rectangular plate having opposite pivot pins projecting in a longitudinal direction of said plate from opposite ends of an upper longitudinal edge of said plate so that said opposite pivot pins can be supported by counter bearings of a front panel of the device;

a recess in said upper longitudinal edge of said plate that is notched inward and spaced apart from one of said opposite pivot pins;

engagement pins in said recess in alignment with the one of said opposite pivot pins; and

a coiled spring mounted to said engagement pins in said recess, said coiled spring having opposite end extensions, one of said opposite end extensions being laid on said plate and the other of said opposite end extensions to be laid on the front panel of the device.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The swing door of claim 3, wherein said recess is between said opposite pivot pins along said upper longitudinal edge.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The swing door of claim 3, wherein said engagement pins are aligned with a pivot axis of both said opposite pivot pins.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The swing door of claim 3, wherein said plate has a groove on a rear side thereof receiving the one of said opposite end extensions of said coiled spring.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A magnetic recording-and-reproducing device including a front panel, a cassette inlet in said front panel and a swing door rotatably mounted to said cassette inlet, wherein said swing door comprises:

a rectangular plate having opposite pivot pins projecting in a longitudinal direction of said plate from opposite ends of an upper longitudinal edge of said plate, said opposite pivot pins being supported by counter bearings of said front panel;

a recess in said upper longitudinal edge of said plate that is notched inward and spaced apart from one of said opposite pivot pins;

engagement pins in said recess in alignment with the one of said opposite pivot pins; and

a coiled spring mounted to said engagement pins in said recess, said coiled spring having opposite end extensions, one of said opposite end extensions being laid on said plate and the other of said opposite end extensions being laid on said front panel.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7, wherein said recess is between said opposite pivot pins along said upper longitudinal edge.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7, wherein said engagement pins are aligned with a pivot axis of both said opposite pivot pins.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The device swing door of claim 7, wherein said plate has a groove on a rear side thereof receiving the one of said opposite end extensions of said coiled spring.